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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2001.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1,4,5 and 8 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 2,3,6 and 7 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4-5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marugame (5,995,649).

Regarding apparatus and method claims 1 and 5 Marugame discloses,

At least one image pickup means (which read on fig. 1 block 10, image pickup portion) which picks up a video (shows camera 1a and 1b, the cameras pickup video) and generates imaging position information from which the video is taken (note fig. 1 blocks 101 and 102, figs 8a and 8b and col. 11 line 60 -col. 12 line 31, image data 101 and 102 generate position information, i.e. coordinates of the object), and view point information relating to a direction and range of the video taken from the position (note fig. 1 blocks 201 and 202, figs 10a and 10b and col. 13 lines 19-33, shows image data as view point information direction coordinates from a centered position)

Object searching means (note fig. 1 block 30, which reads on parameter calculating portion) for searching for a predetermined object contained in the video picked up by the image pickup means, based on object information relating to the position of the predetermined object, and the imaging position information generated by

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the image pick up means (note col. 10 lines 22-34, based on image data 101 and 102, 201 and 202 (imaging position information) search parameter data),

Object information searching means (note fig. 1 block 40, which read on reference point extraction portion) for searching object information relating the predetermined object search for by the object searching means (note col. 10 lines 35-53, lines cite searching for feature points, examiner interprets as object information relating to the predetermined object search), and

Display means (note fig. 1, block 80, display portion) for displaying an image corresponding to the video picked up by the image pickup means and an image corresponding to the object information of the predetermined object (note col. 11 lines 33-39).

Regarding apparatus and method claims 4 and 8 Marugame discloses,

Wherein the display means comprises communication means, which communicates with a communication device, identified by the object information, in accordance with the object (note col. 11 lines 32-35, the display portion is controlled by CPU, examiner interprets as a communication device.)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-3 and 6-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: for claims 2 and 6. Critical feature is the generation of position information. These claims further limit this feature to include generating video position information relating to the position of the predetermined object in the video, based on the object position information of the predetermined object searched for by the object searching means. These features in combination with other features are not taught in the prior art. Claims 3 and 7 depend on 2 and 3 respectively are also objected.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory M. Desire whose telephone number is (703) 308-9586. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00) Second Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on (703) 308-5246. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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G.D.
November 18, 2004

